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## **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WBFF-TV,  
Baltimore, Maryland, along with the most significant  
programming treatment for the period of

January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010.

The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority  
or significance. The list is by no means exhaustive.

## **ISSUE:                   ECONOMY**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date:     February 2 / 10:19PM  
Length:             4:30  
Source:             Local  
Description:         "Recalling the Recovery"...A look on the cost and effectiveness of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Has it stimulated the economy? Jeff Barnd reports.

Broadcast Date:     February 23 / 10:22PM  
Length:             3:30  
Source:             Local  
Description:         In constant quest to increase production, many farms in America use hormones and chemicals. Are bigger farms better for the economy but not for one's health?

Broadcast Date:     February 25 / 10:19PM  
Length:             4:10  
Source:             Local  
Description:         The recession is hitting Maryland's retirement and pension system in the back pocket but why are lawmakers talking about it? Jennifer Gilbert reports.

Broadcast Date:     March 16 / 10:18PM  
Length:             4:30  
Source:             Local  
Description:         "foreclosure Frustrations". Joy Lepola examines how managing debt could be a struggle as experts predict another wave of foreclosures in the very near future.

Broadcast Date:     March 18 / 10:23PM  
Length:             3:45  
Source:             Local  
Description:         Unemployment figures in Maryland show nearly 250,000 people who are without work. But in this recession, some believe the only cause for Maryland's 8.3% unemployment is the rise in immigrants taking jobs from citizens.

## **ISSUE:                   HEALTH**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date:     March 19 / 10:23PM  
Length:             3:30  
Source:             Local

**Description:** Lack of sleep can lead to serious health problems like diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and obesity. March is sleep disorder awareness month and to show the importance of getting enough good sleep, reporter Jennifer Gilbert was put to the test.

**Broadcast Date:** March 25/ 10:32 PM

**Length:** 3:40

**Source:** Local

**Description:** Jeff Barnd examines to passing of the National Health Care" bill and looks at the controversy...is it landmark legislation or big government take-over that hurts rather than heals?

**Broadcast Date:** March 11 / 10:24PM

**Length:** 3:30

**Source:** Local

**Description:** A look at how one Maryland woman is relying on some modern "know how" to stay alive.

**Broadcast Date:** February 18 / 10:17PM

**Length:** 3:40

**Source:** Local

**Description:** "Robot Rehab". Jennifer Gilbert visits the VA Hospital in Baltimore where doctors are revolutionizing the rehabilitation of stroke patients. With the aging baby boomers generation, stroke could double in the next 30 years. A look at the U of MD/VA new therapy.

**Broadcast Date:** January 28 / 10:33PM

**Length:** 3:50

**Source:** Local

**Description:** The cost of living with diabetes can lead to debt but Maryland doctors are in the forefront of a promising new treatment that will offer debt relief. Joy Lepola reports.

**Broadcast Date:** February 9 / 10:20PM

**Length:** 3:30

**Source:** Local

**Description:** A look at how researchers are using placebo "drugs" in studies and how they may have benefits.

**Broadcast Date:** January 6 / 10:23PM

**Length:** 3:40

**Source:** Local

**Description:** What will health care reform mean for your wallet? Megan Gilliland examines the various versions of the national health care bill before Congress and the Senate. Whatever bill is passed means \$900 billion cost to taxpayers.

Broadcast Date: January 7 / 10:22PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: The Sour Truth....Sugar is in the hot seat as the American heart Association release a new report on the effect of sweets on heart health.

Broadcast Date: January 11 / 10:19PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: An examination of the health care reform bills and how another industry that receives government invention fared. What lesson does this hold for health care? Jennifer Gilbert reports.

Broadcast Date: January 21 / 10:32PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: "Defeating Diabetes"....Maryland doctors are in the forefront of fighting diabetes. Jeff Barnd looks at the cost of the disease and the impact of a new major breakthrough.

## **ISSUE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: January 12 / 10:21PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: A heated debate over the City budget crisis and its impact on fire services. At the center of the controversy is the number of firefighters on the streets and on leave and the cost to city taxpayers.

Broadcast Date: January 14 / 10:23PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: The Maryland legislature begins its 2010 session and lawmakers are already singing the "budget blues". With a budget deficit of \$2 billion, cuts are looming throughout every state agency.

Broadcast Date: February 4 / 10:19PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Internet gambling. What are the odds of legalizing it in the US? Some powerful lawmakers see it as a source of revenue and are betting that they can make it happen.

Broadcast Date: February 22 / 10:19PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at local streets, traffic and dangers posed to pedestrians in Baltimore. The City is taking steps to make crosswalks safer but some city residents say that's not enough. Melinda Roeder reports.

Broadcast Date: March 9 / 10:23PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: "Speeding to the Bank"...FOX 45 investigates how much the state has made in the effort to slow down speeding drivers. At least one lawmaker wants to limit how far the law stretches for using speed cameras.

. Broadcast Date: March 1 /10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: An investigation into the cost of the US Census and questionable spending.

## **ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: January 2/6AM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 minutes  
Description: Holiday depression and winter blues were the topics of discussion with Dr. Larry Fishel and program host Mike Gimbel. Discussion of how some people self-medicate their depression with use of drugs and alcohol Prevention and treatments discussed

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: February 5/6AM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 seconds  
Description: Program host Mike Gimbel and addictions therapist Dena Libowitz discussion addictions....what is an addiction? To what can one be addicted? Treatment and therapies. Topics ranged from gambling, to drugs, alcohol, sex and internet.

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: March 5/6AM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 minutes

Description: Drugs, alcohol, crime and your rights? A discussion of the legal ramification of substance use, abuse, and resulting programs with lawyer Craig Kadish.

#### News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: February 15 / 10:18PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Magic mushrooms...More than 40 years after the hippie craze and psychedelic drugs being criminalized and demonized, those same drugs are getting a second look by Hopkins scientists who believe there's truly magic in those mushrooms when it comes to treatment of physical and mental illnesses.

### CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Program: America's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays 9PM  
Source: Network  
Length: 60 minutes  
Description: A weekly program featuring profiles on fugitives and unsolved crimes in which viewers' help is solicited to bring criminals to justice. The program also features missing children alerts to help identify them and reunite them with their families free. An investigation of the abuse.

Program: Maryland's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays/10:20PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 1:30  
Description: The News at Ten in cooperation with Maryland State Police, area sheriffs' offices, and the local office of the FBI presents a local "most wanted" feature following the Saturday broadcast of "America's Most Wanted". During the news feature, information about unsolved Maryland crimes and wanted fugitives is presented and viewers help is requested to bring criminals to justice.

Program: Fugitive Files:  
Broadcast: January 29, February 26, March 26/  
10PM – 10:45P  
Source: Local  
Length: 45 minutes  
Description: During the The News at Ten, a team of Baltimore City Police Warrant Apprehension Task Force detectives come to the studio to focus on unsolved crimes and fugitives from justice. During the show they man phones to receive viewers help in finding fugitives and taking some of Baltimore's most dangerous criminals off the streets.

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: March 8 / 10:32PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at "Palcynski's Reign of Terror" ten years after he held a city hostage. A visit with the people affected by the crime.

Broadcast Date: March 15 / 10:23PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: "Murderabilia"...Inmates across the country are selling their artwork on a variety of website. There is high demand and many consumers find it extremely offensive that criminal are given opportunity to make money but denying other's their rights.

Broadcast Date: February 3 / 10:33PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Cycle of Violence. Megan Gilliland reports on the horrific animal cruelty cases that are sparking outrage in the Baltimore community. Studies show that those who abuse animals are more likely to abuse people.

Broadcast Date: January 19 / 10:24PM/  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Despite different crime plans and administrations, Baltimore's murder rate stubbornly remains above 200 a year. But in DC, which was once the murder capital of the nation, there's has been a drastic drop in the homicide rate. Reporter Joy Lepola discusses the strategy with DS Chief of police to see what is being done on the assault on crime.

**ISSUE: CONSUMER RIGHTS**

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: January 18 / 10:24PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: It's dinnertime and the phone rings, could be important or a robocall. Even though the government banned those unwanted cal from telemarketers, the call are still going through. Jeff Abell reports.

Broadcast Date: January 26 /10:21PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at the pension deal that Maryland legislators receive after a few years of work. John Rydell reports.

Broadcast Date: February 16 / 10:23PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at new vs used products...their quality, cost, reliability..

Broadcast Date: February 24 / 10:22PM/  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Socializing on line may give too much information opening people to risk of sharing their identity without even knowing it.

Broadcast Date: March 17 / 10:33PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: What should consumers know about planning for an unexpected tragedy? What 5 wishes should they make known. ..

Broadcast Date: March 30 / 10:28PM/  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: In the midst of Baltimore's monumental deficit, the pension system is losing hundreds of millions of dollars a year. FOX 45 investigates revealing first class travel, five-star accommodations and tens of millions of dollars spent to manage the money.

## **ISSUE: YOUTH/FAMILY**

Program: Champions of Courage  
Broadcast Date: February 1- 28  
Length: 4 – 39 sec salutes  
Source: Local  
Description: WBFF presented its 23rd annual Champions of Courage programming to commemorate Black History Month. Celebrating positive role models for youth whose actions keep alive the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr; the station conducted an essay competition for student's grades 6 through 12. More than 4000 essays were received and 28 were selected to be presented by students. Each of the 28 student essays was broadcast a minimum of 8 times during February. Students received a \$100 Savings Bonds at a gala Award Luncheon on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr.



Benjamin Carson, chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins and Medal of Freedom honoree, was the keynote speakers. Additionally, four community champions were saluted with a featured news storey relating how their actions and commitment to youth inspire others to be the best they can be.

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: March 2 / 10:33PM  
Length: 4:00Source: Local  
Description: "Bitter to Better"...One time taboo, divorce is not common and people are ending their marriages with a new attitude.

Broadcast Date: March 3 /10:26PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: "Dirty Little Secrets"...with celebrity exposes regarding infidelity, couples are asking if it could happen to them.

Broadcast Date: March 4/10:22PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: "Virtual Gamble"...Is it the future of the internet....a new social networking website that gives children a direct link to online predators...

Broadcast Date: February 24 / 10:22PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: Socializing on line may give too much information opening people to risk of sharing their identity without even knowing it.

Broadcast Date: February 5, 12, 19, 25  
Length: 4 – 3:00 each  
Source: Local  
Description: Profiles of four community people who are committed to keeping Dr. King's dream of brotherhood, opportunity, equality, self-determination, and pride in community alive by positive role modeling for youth. In commemoration of black history month, four new stories saluted mentors who actions inspire youth to be the best they can be. Salutes to The March Family who provide grief counseling to youth as a means to reduce youth violence,, Dan Trahey or directs the BSO's ORCHKIDS program bringing opportunities to inner city children to learn to play music, Kenneth Taborn whose Knights of Valor Chess mentoring program teachers values, valor and victory to young boys, and Graham Kastendike who champions opportunities for children with disabilities and developmental delays to achieve and grow their independence.

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